

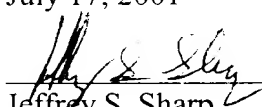


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For: Compositions Comprising Random)	
Mixtures of Oligonucleotides)	
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APPLICANT'S RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2001 in the above-identified application in which all claims (1-6) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Reconsideration is requested for the following reasons. This response is timely filed as a petition for a one-month extension of time to August 4, 2001 is submitted herewith.

REMARKS

I. Preliminary Remarks

At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and her supervisor for the courtesy shown the undersigned attorney during the personal interview conducted July 10, 2001. The Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner is accurate as Applicant's representative and